

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-18 remain pending in the application.

Applicants appreciatively note that claims 1-6, 10-16 and 18 are allowed.

Claims 7, 8, 9 and 17 are rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Pan (US5706371). In response, claim 7 has been amended in accordance with the Examiner's helpful suggestion on pages 5 and 6 of the October 19, 2007 Office Action. Accordingly, the obviousness rejection should be withdrawn.

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application should be in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Early issuance of a Notice of Allowance is courteously solicited.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned, Applicant's attorney of record, to facilitate advancement of the present application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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